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Editor's Note:

In this first newsletter I want to take this opportunity to invite all students and Fellows to use the FORUM as their medium for exchange, information and discussion within the School.

The FORUM was originally concieved to be a bilingual, bi-monthly publication of the Association of the Students of the School of Community and Public Affairs. Unfortunately this is not a bilingual edition. I would appreciate help from a translation student (desiring to practice their skill) and willing to work on the next edition, or on any future editions with myself and Steve.

What goes into FORUM? Anything...everything! Original poems, study hints, papers you are working on, A.S.S.C.P.A. government news and minutes, letters, impressions of guest speakers, criticisms, etc. are welcome. I think it would even be interesting to have articles from any students or Fellows presently involved in any community or political activities outside of the School. This exchange of ideas or projects would help us keep in touch with each other and also increase the calibre of awareness between students and Fellows.

THIS IS YOUR FORUM-USE IT!

TO: All Students of the School of Community and Public Affairs.

FROM: Steven McIntosh Chairperson.

Date: Nov. 29, 1979.

During the debate on Sovereignty-Association yesterday afternoon; it became apparent to me that there was just cause for concern as to the role the students are playing in the school. As the major purpose of these talks is to give personal and indepth insight in today's public happenings to the students of the school, why then was there only three students of the school present at the lecture?

As I'm sure everybody is aware by now, the sucess of the school depends greatly on the input of the students. If this kind of input and support that was shown today should continue, the future of the School of Community and Public Affairs is very much in doubt.

I'm sure it is your wish as well as mine that our school become very sucessful and provide a good example for further organizations of this type. Therefore enouraged participation in further events of the school would be greatly appreciated. So come on get involved, it's your school.

Your Sincerely

Stephen McIntosh
Chairperson of Student Government

Minutes

December 5'79

Association of Students of the School of Community and Public Affairs Meeting

Present: Anna, Dario, John Ganez, Guy Marc, Pat, Rosa, Frances, Dorothy, Steve, Eva.

Absent: Paul, Serge, Terry, Hazel, Lucie, Pota, Andrew.

The meeting began at 4:15. There were only 7 persent. So all items that needed approval were passed over until a quorum of 9 was achieved.

1. Constitution: John informed the A.S.S.C.P.A. that the interim constitution has not as yet gone to CUSA. The CUSA meeting was held in November before we had started formulating our constitution. CUSA will not be meeting again until January. Over the holidays John will type up a formal copy of the constitution and meet with someone at CUSA who is authorized to give money to student groups. Dorothy suggested that Anna and John present the financial statement to CUSA or ASA for the weekend budget.

2. Results of "Confederation Weekend" questionnaire: Steve gave the results, 13 out of 17 responded.

1. Are you interested in establishing a constitution? 13 agreed.
2. Would you be interested in the drafting thereof? 13 in favor.
3. Should the Confederation Weekend be compulsory? 8 yes 5 no.
4. What is your peference in respect to the location? resort or Lacolle 5 School 8.
5. Duration: Saturday to Sunday 1 Saturday & Sunday 2
   Friday to Sunday Afternoon 7 Friday and Saturday 3
6. Would you be interested in helping in the formulation of this aforementioned event? 11 yes 2 no.

As a result of the questionnaire the plans now will be directed to a full weekend at the S.C.P.A. building in order to work on the constitution. John in his capacity of Liason was asked to investigate the University's regulations for sleeping in the building. It was felt necessary that he obtain support from the Executive Council.

3. The question of subsidizing incomes was debated. It was agreed that it would be looked into further when the A.S.S.C.P.A. has a definite budget.

4. It was decided that the Constitution Committee, Eva, Dorothy, Frances, and Rosa will meet 2 or 3 times a week after the 20th of December.

5. It was decided that he Constitution Committee will meet once a week till school begins in January. The purpose will be to write out the S.C.P.A. Act so that there is a working paper to present Confederation Weekend, January 18-20th 1980.

6. The newsletter will go out December 7, and the minutes of the meeting December 5 will be a feature of the Newsletter. The content of the newsletter will include any thoughts or comments on the School and the Student Association activities.

7. John and Steven reported on the meeting they had with Blair:

A) the S.C.P.A. will match dollar for dollar what the A.S.S.C.P.A. can raise from CUSA or ASA.
B) Blair has given the ok for the structure of the Cônferation Weekend including our proposition for the Constitution.

8. Anna will be responsible for an interim budget to present to CUSA. The budget will vary according to——wether we can sleep in-2-types of outings-3-number of meals-4-number of people. Frances suggested that Friday night's dinner be considered pot luck.

9. A quorum having been achieved John proposed that the taping of the minutes be done every meeting; seconded by Dorothy, unanimously approved.

Time and Practice

Pat Scarola

With the courses and invited guests that the School of Community and Public Affairs offers to students of Concordia University, and in particular the students that joined the School, it prepares the students to take a leading role in the particular field they are going into. With its main objective that of producing leaders in government and public agencies, the School is unique.

But these leaders are not produced overnight. It is done by applying the knowledge they get from the courses the School offers them into practice. This comes about through the insights the guest speakers give us and the modules and practical field work we do in our final year.

Time and practice are the two keys that will open the doors to this knowledge, because we have to make sure that the doubts, questions and misconceptions we have are carefully answered in order to allow us to cope with the issues and problems our leadership will demand of us in the future.

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December 22, 1979.

Hi,

As Executive Secretary and Student Liason of A.S.S.C.P.A. I would like to share with my impressions of the first semester we spent together, in particular the past couple of months. I could sum them up in one word "exciting".

There is in the School of Community and Public Affairs a wealth of ideas and talents both in the body of Fellows and in the A.S.S.C.P.A. It is exciting to me to be active in the School and thus to experience a philosophy and comraderie that has already made the SCPA "my" place in Concordia University.

We are the first students of this school and thereby we will ultimately influence, even shape the future philosophies, goals, and government of the School. This will be evident through the tone of the constitution and our participation in the A.S.S.C.P.A. We set the tone this year for future participation and type(s) of interest(s) the School will pursue. Therefore it is up to us to make sure that others see a community active and politically aware team, literally: "a team that is active, committed, excited and learning together."

In the past couple of months we've gotten to know each other, and together we've worked hard. It is my hope that your involvement will continue in the new year.

One final thought: MERRY CHRISTMAS and have an "exciting" 1980!

Dorothy Williams
Executive Secretary

Unforgettable Comments of November 30th

"That is a typical middle class attitude."

"The thing you have to understand is..."

"Why should I pay their rent."

"It's leading.....see that, it's leading...."

"Nuke 'em! Nuke 'em!. Nuke 'em!

"Party?...What party?"

"Why is everybody upstairs when the party is downstairs?"

"I still say John Turner is a traitor."

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DATELINE

The Constitution Committee has met twice this month and is in need of more student participation. The next meeting is December 29, 1979. If you would like to work on it please give Dorothy a call.

The Weekend Committee will be meeting January 2, 1980, and if you would like to help plan activities and workshops for Confederation Weekend, give Dorothy a call as well. Your imput at future meetings is welcome!

REMEMBER: January 18th to 20th, 1980, is Confederation Weekend!

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John Gancz is down with pneumonia...As a result he has temporarily resigned his seat as Liason. If this position interests you call Steve at 934-1273.

Will Hazel, Terry, Serge, and Paul call Dorothy 933-7049 Thanks.....